

Khehek language

Khehek is an Oceanic language spoken by approximately 1600 people on west-central Manus Island, Manus Province of Papua New Guinea. It has two dialects, **Drehet** and **Levei**, which are sometimes considered separate languages.

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Phonology

The following description is of Drehet dialect.

Consonants

		Bilabial		Alveolar	Palatal	Velar
		Plain	Labialized			
Stop	Unaspirated	p	p ^w	t	c	k
	Aspirated					k ^h
Fricative				s		h
Nasal		m	m ^w	n		ŋ
Prenasalized trill				n ^d r		
Lateral				l		
Trill				r		
Semivowel		w			j	

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Khehek	
<i>Levei-Ndrehet</i>	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	West-central Manus Island, Manus Province
Native speakers	(1,600 cited 1991) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Admiralty Islands<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eastern Admiralty Islands<ul style="list-style-type: none">Manus<ul style="list-style-type: none">West Manus<ul style="list-style-type: none">Khehek
Dialects	Drehet (Ndrehet) <div>Levei</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tlx
Glottolog	kheh1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/lanquoid/id/kheh1237) ^[2]

Further reading

- Blust, Robert (2005). "Must sound change be linguistically motivated?". *Diachronica*. **22** (2): 219–269. doi:[10.1075/dia.22.2.02blu](https://doi.org/10.1075/dia.22.2.02blu) (<https://doi.org/10.1075%2Fdia.22.2.02blu>).

External links

- Kaipuleohone's Robert Blust collections include written and audio materials on the Levele dialect as well as written (<https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/33171>) and audio materials (<https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/4683>) on the Drehet dialect

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